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SUBJ: ANTI-LIBYAN CAMPAIGN DIMINISHES IN VOLUME BUT NOT QUALITY

1. PRESS AUGUST 22 AND 23 WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS VOCAL
ON LIBYA ALTHOUGH BITTERNESS WAS UNDIMINSHED.

2. TENSIONS IN TRIPOLI. STORY FILED BY GUMHURRIYA REPORTER
IN LIBYA REPORTS "SEVERE TENSIONS" IN CAPITAL IN WAKE OF
CAMPAIGN OF ARRESTS FOLLOWING LARG SEIZURE OF ANTI-REGIME
LEAFLETS. "INFORMED SOURCES" LINKED DISAPPEARANCE OF
MININT KUWAILDY WITH THESE ARRESTS, SOME SAYING
HE UNDER HOUSE ARREST AND OTHERS THAT HE MANAGED
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ESCAPE COUNTRY. REPORT GOES ON TO DESCRIBE WAVE OF

POPULAR RESENTMENT AGAINST QADHAFI'S "ARROGANT ACTS", INCLUDING ATTEMPTS TO HERD PEOPLE AGAINST THEIR WILL INTO ANTI-EGYPTIAN RALLIES. LIBYANS REACTING TO QADKHAFI ATTEMPTED TO COVER UP HIS "CRIMINAL DESIGNS" AND "UNFORGIVEN CRIMES" AGAINST BROTHERLY EGYPTIAN PEOPLE. "OBSERVERS" EXPECT DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENTS WILL SHAKE QADHAFI REGIME IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. GOE CONTINUES FUEL INTERNAL APPREHENSIONS WITH REFERENCES TO IMPROVED PUBLIC SECURITY MEASURES AND MININT WARNINGS IN PRESS. LATEST MININT BLURG REMINDS CITIZENRY THAT ITS COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL TO COUNTER ATTEMPTS "TO TAMPER WITH UNITED INTERNAL FRONT" AND ASKS FOR PROMPT ACTION IN REPORTING USEFUL INFORMATION AND ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTS.

4. AKHBAR REPORTS DECISION TAKEN IN MEETING OF QALYUBIA GOVERNORATE OF POLITICAL AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH TRAINING CAMP FOR CIVIL DEFENSE VOLUNTEERS TO PROTECT INSTALLATIONS AGAINST "MAD QADHAFI'S" SABOTAGE.

5. PAPERS ALSO PRINT KUWAITI EMBASSY DENIAL THAT ITS MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND DEFENSE CALLED FOR PULL BACK OF EGYPTIAN FORCES FROM LIBYAN BORDER. DENIAL SAID MINISTER NEVER REFERRED TO MATTER IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AS REPORTED HERE LAST WEEK.
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